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¶1. (U) Classified by Deputy Chief of Mission Richard A.
Albright, for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d).

¶12. (U) This is an action request; please see paragraph 5.

¶13. (C) UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hamdan bin Zayed Al-Nahyan (HbZ) told the Ambassador May 23 that the UAEG is interested in studying the potential of atomic-powered energy plants to help meet the UAE's long-term power and desalinated water requirements. HbZ said that the UAEG would study the feasibility over the next two years. Hamdan noted that nuclear power had been discussed during his late-April trip to Germany, but that the UAEG also would be supportive of U.S. firms' participation in such a project.

¶14. (C) HbZ was very sensitive to USG concerns about proliferation, and assured the Ambassador that any nuclear power program in the UAE would have only commercial and economic applications. HbZ intends to discuss the UAEG's plans informally with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Mohammed El-Baradei, but also solicited USG views during his meeting with the Ambassador.

¶15. (C) Comment and action request: The UAE will require a tremendous amount of power and water beyond its current supply to fuel planned industrial expansion over the next 25 years. We also have heard rumors that there may be brownouts this summer. The Emiratis, no doubt, perceive that an energy crisis may be just around the corner and are looking for alternate solutions. We would appreciate the Department's views on the UAE's proposed plans to acquire atomic power. End comment and action request.

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